

### THE NEED TO BE PURE

Joseph Lister was a British surgeon during the 1860's and he saw a big problem. During this time, if you had any form of surgery, you only had a 50 percent survival rate. That is even if the surgery was successful! Because of these problems, Lister began to do some research. What he found was shocking. In those hospitals, people were conducting surgeries in small, dark, dirty, and airless rooms. Surgeons were not cleaning the wounds after surgery, and many surgeons were not cleaning their tools or washing their hands between surgeries. They would simply use rags to clean off the blood, and many times were using the same rag all day. On top of that, the sheets that the patients laid on were dirty and not cleaned often as well.

Lister decided that a change needed to be made. He insisted that his operating rooms be clean and the instruments be washed after each use. He insisted that a fresh bowl of water be placed outside each room and that the doctors and nurses who go in and out must wash their hands before seeing a new patient. He also began using a chemical called carbolic acid to clean tools, wounds, and dressings. After all this had been done, success soon followed. If you were to have an operation at his hospital, you had a survival rate of 85 percent! Lister had discovered the importance of purity. He realized that when doctors were performing these surgeries, it allowed all kinds of impurities to enter the body that make you sick, and can even kill you.

In the same way, there are spiritual impurities as well that can cause us many problems and can also lead to death. That is why God desires for us to be pure. He knows that purity protects you from bad things like guilt and shame. He knows that purity can prevent a lot of sadness in your life. Most importantly, He knows that purity can bring you to Him. In **Matthew 5:8**, Jesus said "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." A passage that many of us have probably read but few of us have taken to heart. It is obvious to us that the pure in heart will see God, but do we ever think of the consequences of being impure?

See, purity not only protects you from spiritual death and separation from God, it also provides good things for you. **Psalm 24:4-5** says, "He who has clean

hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation." Purity produces peace with God and allows Him to bless us in ways that we could not imagine if we were not of a pure mind and heart.

But how do we begin to make ourselves pure? **Psalm 119:9** says, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word." It begins in the word of God, and God's word tells us that we must put to death the impurities of the world (**Colossians 3:5**) and instead dwell on all that is good (**Philippians 4:8**). **James 4:8** says "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded." So how is it that we cleanse ourselves? Through baptism in Christ. It is what saves us. Not as a removal of the dirt, like Lister had discovered, but as an appeal to God (**1 Peter 3:21**). How pure are you? What is your percentage of living eternally? If it is anything below 100% you need to listen to the doctor. **Mark 2:17** "And when Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." **Andrew Spivey**

### PRAYER

When life becomes a problem much too great for you to bear, instead of trying to escape, just withdraw in prayer.

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all. **Psalm 34:19**  
From the Heart by Helen Steiner Rice

### A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Lord on this Labor Day  
we thank you for the blessing of work.  
We ask for strength to complete each day.  
We ask for rest when we are weary.  
We ask you guidance for everyone seeking  
employment, and we ask that  
You be with those whose faces we might  
never see but who work tirelessly  
each day for the good of all of us.

AMEN

**"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19**

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday: READ YOUR BIBLE EVERY DAY  
Wednesday: STUDY THE INSPIRED WORD

### BIBLE CHALLENGE

We want to encourage everyone to continue to do their daily Bible reading and send in how many chapters you read to the office for us to record for our daily updates. *Considering how fast we have exceeded our previous goals, let us make the next goal be 4,000! Chapters read to date: 3,063*

### SENTENCE SERMONS

**Gaining Experience:** "The best way to move mountains is to begin with molehills and work your way up."

**Complaining and Acting:** "Too many of us complain that our days are few while acting as if they will never end."

**On Trials:** "God promises safe landing, not a calm passage."

**Acting on Ideas:** "An opportunist is a person who does what you thought about doing."

### THANK YOU

Dear Nashville Road family, Bob and I want to thank everyone for the prayers, notes, calls and beautiful cards sent during the passing of Bob's brother, **James Harris**. We are always strengthened by your love and concern. We Love you, **Bob & Evelyn Harris**

### BACK TO SCHOOL

Remember our youth that are in college;  
**Jacob Boone** @ Vol. State  
813 Longboat Dr. Gallatin  
**Ashton Jones** Law school  
@ University in Memphis TN  
**Scott Richardson** @ Faulkner University  
**Garrett Rowlett** @  
Harding College Box 12384  
Searcy AR. 72149  
**Andi Smith** @ MTSU  
156 Neverbreak Rd. Hendersonville

### OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday September 7**, for Labor Day.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

We have begun holding Sunday morning worship service. We have two Sunday morning services. If your last name begins with A-L, we ask that you come to the 9:00 am. service. For those whose last name begins with M-Z, we ask that you come to the 11:00 am service.

We have also begun Wednesday Bible Study in the auditorium for all ages at 7:00 pm.

No classes will be held anywhere else in the building.

We will still need to follow the new guidelines for social distancing and the wearing of masks.

### ORDER OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

September 6, 2020

#### 9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Hugh Fulford  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler  
Closing Prayer.....Lee Boone

#### 11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jerry Watson  
Song Leader.....Tim Strickland  
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....David Thompson  
Closing Prayer.....Chuck Norton

#### WEDNESDAY,

September 9, 7:00 P.M.

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

### IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935  
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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. & Sun. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Evening Bible Class 7:00 • Tues. Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m. September-May

### SICK LIST

**June Thompson** is home recovering from double knee replacement surgery. **Faye Britt** had surgery on August 27<sup>th</sup>. **Gerald Miles** is now home and doing well. **Allyn Hosman** is home and doing well. **Donna Jennings** has finished her radiation and chemo treatments. More tests in Sept. to determine any other treatments needed. **Jim Sweeney** is home now on home health. **Robert Williamson** continues treatments for lung cancer. **Cora Mayes-Barron**, daughter of Barry & Rachel Mayes has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She has finished her first round of chemo but is home recovering from pneumonia. **Danny Lowe**, cousin of Linda Cherry has been diagnosed with cancer. **Beth Smith**, sister-in-law to Bernice, Frances, Jean & Mary Ann, is now taking immunotherapy. **Craig Sweeney**, son of James & Doris Sweeney, has been accepted into a new drug trial clinic. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.

**CARE LINE: 615-452-2464**



### PRAYER LIST

**Bob Harris; J.H. & Frances Catron; Melba Hill; William Dunn; Jean Deaton; Ron & Anna Radish; Donna Holmes**, daughter of Eva Petty; **Melvin Stephenson**, father of Eric Stephenson; **Wade & Wanda Kennedy**, parents of Diana Stephenson; **Bob Wall**, friend of Betty Johnson; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Will Flowers**, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey. **Dana Loveless**, friend of Jim & Linda Cherry; **Zachery Simmons**, grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Elias Benjamin Simmons**, great grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Jane Huffard**, friend of Carl & Pam Newby; **Lester Sparks**, father of Rachel Mayes; **Debbie Sparks**, sister of Rachel Mayes; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale;

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**Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Wayne Holt**, nephew of Grace Bracey; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Pam Flory**, friend of Sherry Sever; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill. **We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.**

### SHUT-INS

**Ilene Kinney; Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Bill & Jane Dunn; Cathy Henderson; Penny Campbell**, The Village of Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148; **Jean Thurman**, mother-in-law of Myra Rasnick, Brookdale, Hendersonville.

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	N/A
Morning Worship 9am.....	63
Morning Worship 11am.....	62
Wednesday Evening.....	36
Contributions.....	\$7,491.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$8,849.92

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Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

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Carl Newby Brent Smith  
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